

REMARKS

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following:

Group I: Claims 1 and 41-44 are drawn to an apparatus and method classified in class 348, subclass 448.

Group II: Claims 29-40 are drawn to an apparatus and method classified in class 386, subclass 448.

Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group II (claims 29-40), with traverse. Applicant traverses the propriety of the restriction requirement by this election because the Applicant believes that all of the claims pertain to the same species of the claimed invention.

Accordingly, the applicant has withdrawn Claims 1 and 41-44 without prejudice and has elected to begin prosecution with examination of claims 29-40.

If the Examiner determines that Applicant has presumed incorrectly as to which claims the Examiner intended to include in Group II, clarification is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at (650) 838-4307 to arrange for such a conference. No fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment in fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,



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